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Response to NID (Notification of Intent to Develop)

In terms of Section 38(8) of the National Heritage Resources Act (Act 25 of 1999)

Attention: Mookgopong Square Ontwikkeling (Pty) Ltd

On Part of Portion 17 of the farm vlakfontein 522 KR

Thank you for informing SAHRA on the proposed Mookgopong shopping centre development. The proposed development is located on a part of Portion 17 of the farm Vlakfontein 522 KR, Mookgopong Local Municipality, Limpopo Province. The total area of the development is intended to be 8000m².

Under sections 34, 35 and 36 of the National Heritage Resources Act (NHRA 25 of 1999) heritage resources are protected from damage from mining and development activities. These resources are for instance burial grounds, unmarked and marked graves that are older than 60 years and outside formal cemeteries. Any built structures that are older than 60 years old, archaeology (stone tools, stone walled sites, prehistoric and historic pottery sherds, ash grounds etc.) and palaeontology (fossils of plant and animal material).

The proposed development area lies in a low Palaeontologically Sensitive zone as seen on the SAHRIS Palaeo Map (<http://www.sahra.org.za/map/palaeo>), which requires for a palaeontological fossil finds procedure to be included in the HIA and EMP.

An HIA was conducted for the entire farm Vlakfontein 522 KR in the year 2000, SAHRA reference number 9/2/281/016, the report is named:
Roodt, F. April 2000. Phase 1 Archaeological Impact Assessment, Naboomspruit Waste Disposal Site, Vlakfontein, Northern Province.

During the site survey it was found that the sand quarry on site exposed a large MSA stone tool site on the surface of the bedrock. Along with the MSA stone tools, there was some potsherds discovered in other portions of the farm. This report is out dated and done for the entire farm Vlakfontein 522 KR, thus it is not clear if the land surrounding and on the project area was part of the survey. It is SAHRA policy to ask for a new Heritage Impact Assessment for a development area, if the existing HIA report is older than 5 years.

SAHRA requires for a Heritage Impact Assessment to be conducted for the proposed shopping centre development area and surroundings, that will be impact during construction.

This report should include an assessment on archaeological resources, their significance and possible impacts from the development.

It should also include an impact assessment on the built environment and burial grounds the proposed development might have on them.

This HIA report should be conducted by a suitably qualified professional archaeologist, and it should be done following the SAHRA minimum standards for Heritage reports.



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Mookgopong X10 (formerly known as Mookgopong X7)



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SAHRA awaits for the requested studies before further comment is made to this case.

Should you have any further queries, please contact the designated official using the case number quoted above in the case header.

Yours faithfully

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